GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSRTACT

PR &RD Department - Allegation on irregularities in admittance of expenditure relating to the Elections held for Mandal Praja Parishad & Zilla Praja Parishad, Visakhapatnam District during the year 2001– Disciplinary Proceedings initiated against Sri N.Chitti Babu, former Sr. Assistant, (Retired as Superintendent) - Charges held proved in the Regular Enquiry– APAT orders- Cancelled the imposed punishment – Proposed revised punishment of 5% cut in pension permanently under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against Sri N. Chitti Babu, former Senior Assistant (Rtd as Superintendent) – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 734 Dated: 17-12-2020

Read the following:-

Ref:-1.From the Dist., Collector, Visakapatnam Lr. Rc.No. 1017/2005 A3, Dt. 9-3-2006.
2.G.O.Rt.No. 445, PR&RD (Vig. IV) Dept, Dt: 26.03.2007.
3.G.O.Rt.No: 429, PR&RD(Vig.IV) Dept.,Dt:- 14-3-2008.
4.From the Enquiry Officers in his Enquiry Report, Dt.19.03.2009.
5.From the Secretary, APPSC, Hyderabad, Lr.No.1509/RT/1/2011,dt:30.3.2012.
6.G.O.RT No. 1059 PR&RD (Vig,IV) Dept., Dt. 15.06.2012.
7.Orders, dt. 02.09.2015 of Hon'ble APAT in OA No. 6734 of 2012
8.G.O.Rt No. 937 PR&RD (Vig.III) Dept., Dt. 03.10.2015.
9.Govt. Memo No. 22190/Vig.III/A1/2012, Dt. 01.10.2015.
10.Explanation of Sri N. Chitti Babu, Dt. 21.07.2020.
11. Govt.Lr.No.22190/Vig.III/A1/2012, dt.19.10.2020.
12.From APPSC, Lr.No.352/DC&C/2020, dt.25.11.2020.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, Sri M.Ammoru, ZPTC, Bheemunipatnam has made certain allegations against Sri G.N.Sudhakar Pillai, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Chief Executive Officer, (FAC), Zilla Praja Parishad, Visakhapatnam in admittance of expenditure relating to the elections held for MPs and ZPS in Visakhapatnam District during the year 2001 and requested for detailed departmental enquiry. The then Collector, Visakhapatnam has issued orders for preliminary enquiry by the Joint Collector to find out the truth/ fact and a prima-facie evidence in the allegations levelled. The Joint Collector after conducting enquiry has submitted his preliminary enquiry report. Based on the preliminary enquiry report submitted by the Joint Collector, Visakhapatnam, the then Collector, Visakhapatnam observed that the persons starting from the Office Assistant to the rank of Deputy Chief Executive Officer, are responsible for the lapses committed by Sri G.N.Sudhakar Pillai, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and therefore requested to initiate disciplinary action against all of them. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad after examining the report of the Collector, Visakhapatnam has requested the Government to initiate disciplinary action against Sri G.N.Sudhakar Pilai and all others.

2. Government, after examining the matter, initiated Departmental action against Sri G.N.Sudhakar Pillai, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Retd.,) and other nine staff members of Zilla Parishad, Visakapatnam under Rule 9 (2) (b) (i) of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980/APCS(CCA) Rules, 1991. After receipt of the WSDs, Government appointed Sri C.V. Rao, Deputy Commissioner, O/o. Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad as Enquiry Officer to enquire into the charges framed against the C.O. vide reference 3rd read above . The Enquiry officer has submitted his report.

3. Govt. while forwarding the Enquiry report along with relevant documents requested the APPSC for their concurrence. After examination the APPSC has communicated their concurrence vide ref. 5th read above. Accordingly, Government vide ref. 6th read above among others have imposed the punishment of reduction to next lower time scale of pay on permanent basis against Sri N. Chittibabu, Sr. Assistant O/o the Zilla Parisaad, Vizianagaram under Rule 9 (Vii) of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991, vide GORt.No.1059 PR&RD (Vig-IV) Dept., Dt. 15.06.2012.

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4. Aggrieved by the above orders, Sri N.Chittibabu has approached the Hon'ble APAT by filing OA No. 6734/2012. Government filed counter in the said O.A. The Hon'ble APAT in their orders dt.02.09.2015 has closed the OA as the Government assured to impose the 5% cut in pension on the applicant duly cancelling the GORt.No.1059 PR&RD (Vig-IV) Dept., Dt. 15.06.2012.

5. In the meantime, Government have examined the entire matter and observed that the penalty of reduction to next lower time scale of pay on permanent basis is not applicable to Sri N. Chittibabu, Sr. Asst., as he retired from service on 31.08.2008 i.e., before imposition of the said penalty. Hence, Government have decided to cancel the penalty of reduction to next lower time scale of pay on permanent basis imposed vide GORt.No.1059 PR&RD (Vig-IV) Dept., Dt. 15.06.2012 on Sri N.Chittibabu, Sr. Asst. (Retd.) and to issue orders afresh for imposition of appropriate penalty, by following due procedure. Accordingly, Government vide ref. 8th read above, issued orders cancelling the penalty of reduction to next lower time scale of pay on permanent basis imposed vide G.O.Rt. No. 1059 PR&RD (Vig-IV) Dept., Dt. 15.06.2012 in respect of Sri N.Chittibabu, Sr. Asst. (Retd.) and decided to impose appropriate penalty against him, after following due procedure.

6. In the reference 9th read above, Government have proposed to impose the revised punishment of 5% cut in pension permanently and issued Show cause notice to the A.O through CPR&RD to submit his explanation on the said proposal. In the reference 9th read above, the A.O has submitted his explanation on the proposed punishment.

7. Government after careful examination of the explanation of the charged officer, have decided to impose penalty of 5% cut in pension permanently on Sri N.Chitti Babu, former Sr. Assistant (Retired as Superintendent) Z.P. Visakhapatnam and in the reference 11th read above, addressed to the APPSC for their concurrence. The APPSC vide their letter 12th read above, agreed with the proposal of the Government.

8. After careful examination of the matter, Government hereby impose the revised punishment of 5% cut in pension permanently on Sri N.Chitti Babu, former Sr. Assistant (Retired as Superintendent) Z.P. Visakhapatnam, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 on the allegations of irregularities in admittance of expenditure relating to the Elections held for Mandal Praja Parishad & Zilla Praja Parishad, Visakhapatnam District during the year 2001.

9. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Tadepalli, Guntur District shall take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
The Individual (Sri N.Chitti Babu, former Sr. Assistant (Retired as Superintendent) Z.P. Visakhapatnam) **through the Commissioner**, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
The Chief Executive Officer, ZP, Visakhapatnam.
The District Collector, Visakhapatnam.
The District Panchayat Officer, ZP, Visakhapatnam

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